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Applicant : Motoo ASAI et al.

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Examiner: J. ALCALA

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For : PRINTED WIRING BOARD AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING  
THE SAME

**COVER LETTER ACCOMPANYING JAPANESE OFFICE ACTION  
AND TRANSLATION THEREOF TO COMPLETE THE RECORD**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Further to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed August 13, 2001 which submitted a document cited in a Japanese Office Action in a priority application of the present application, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Japanese Office Action and an English language translation thereof. The Examiner is referred to the Japanese Office Action and the English language translation thereof for an indication of the relevance given by the Japanese Examiner to the cited documents relative to the claims of the Japanese application.

Since Applicants are submitting an Office Action and translation to facilitate examination of the present application, since the Office Action and translation are not prior art, and since a fee was paid with the August 13, 2001 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants respectfully submit that no fee should be necessary for consideration of the Japanese Office Action and translation. However, if the Office determines that a fee is necessary for consideration of these documents, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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If the Examiner has any questions concerning this matter or the application, the undersigned can be contacted at the below-listed telephone number

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